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Hello Folks,

Here 'tis - Sunday again, and here I am too! - Though what-ever I am to write about has me stymied right at this particular point. Seems like I could used to sit down and write - just about any ol' thing, but here lately - I only write cause I know I ought to - and I just sit + sit - waiting for some subject to present itself to me! - Why is that? - Suppose for one reason, our regular mail has been a thing very irregular of late. - Why, I don't know - but I have ideas - same reason it has dropped off in the past.

Received a letter from Fred the other day, mentioning that Brother was to report for his physical exam, or something. Think he said it was to be on the 21st of April. - Guess I'll hear most any day now - the results. However - in view of his spell last winter, his age, etc. don't imagine he has been accepted for service. - But "one never knows" for sometimes this Army of ours, works in strange ways - they have a logic of their own!

How was the Birthday celebration on the 28th? - I thought about you lots and tried to picture what was going on. - I also pictured myself a year ago when we landed in Africa. - I remember laying in my cot then, wondering

just what you were doing then.

Guess we will just have to have one grand glorious party when I get back, so I can make up for all of these I've missed - O.K.?

Today, being the last of the month makes it pay day for a change. Guess I'll be sending some more money homeward, but it sure would be a nice feeling to think. "well, I'll keep some of this so I can have some money to go home on."! - But if given the chance - guess I could really make it on no money!

Haven't heard a thing more about when we might get the chance to leave. - It's still our most favorite topic of conversation, so we talk on and keep our fingers crossed harder than ever when

we have to go "visiting".-

The other day I had a surprise. I received my air medal!- I mean the actual medal itself. When we had the presentation last fall we only received the ribbon. The medal was, or rather is - one of the prettiest I've seen - that makes it rather nice for it to be nice looking as long as that's the one I have.

-Monday-

Didn't mail this yesterday so I'll try to finish it off so that it will get in the mail today.

Haven't done much today, 'cept to enjoy life.- This morning I went up flying for a couple of hours. Took Al Brenner and a couple of others along so they could fly a while!- By the

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time I leave here I think I will have gotten almost all the bombardiers and ground personel to have learned to fly! - At least in the air! Haven't tried to check anyone out on landings - Our ship isn't a cub to be bounced all along the runway! -

This after-noon I had a game of Badminton on a court some of the fellows built. - It seemed pretty good, too. - "Special Services" supplies us with athletic equipment, etc., so hence the finding of a game like that in Sardinia. -

It's quite the country club we have over here now. - The days are pretty hot (but not as hot as they will be, I betcha!) and it's so nice to be out in it. - Today was the first time I succombed to a sun bath, but I did it gingerly.

Several of the boys have an overdose of sunburn already so it served as a warning to the rest of us.

Didn't make the "team" for today, so that about cinches it for tomorrow. - Hope they have a nice easy one up their sleeves - but don't go relaxing on me. - Keep 'em crossed until I tell you when!

Bye now - and be good. - and maybe one of these days we will have some news for ya! -

Love,
Frank

P.S. Butch got hit by a motorcycle the other night and has been kept on a stretcher in our sqdn. dispensary. Doc thinks he will be o.k. - no bones broken. - You should see all the company he receives. Think every man in the sqdn. goes to see him at least twice a day!